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28 October 1988

TO: Admiral Carlisle Trost
Chief of Naval Operations
Rm. 4E672, Pentagon

ATTN: Chief Hohweiler

Per your request attached is a copy
of the nominating letter for Admiral Studeman.
I believe what they need from the Admiral
is a "seconding letter". This can be
shorter -- not necessary to tick off all
his assignments. Can be done in more general
terms.



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September 9, 1988

Mr. Kempton Dunn
Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.
58 East 68th Street
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I am honored to nominate for membership in the Council on Foreign Relations Rear Admiral William O. Studeman. Admiral Studeman became Director of the National Security Agency on 1 August 1988 and has been selected for promotion to Vice Admiral. Prior to this new assignment, he served as Director of Naval Intelligence for nearly three years.

Admiral Studeman was born in Brownsville, Texas in 1940. He holds a BA in history from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee (1962). He completed post-graduate education at the Defense Intelligence School and is a graduate of both the Naval War College (1973) and the National War College (1981). He has a MA in Public and International Affairs from George Washington University.

Admiral Studeman graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1963, Naval Flight Officer School at Pensacola, and received his first assignment as an Air Intelligence Officer aboard the USS Yorktown in the western Pacific. He subsequently served as an Operational Intelligence Officer in the Seventh Fleet, the Sixth Fleet, and at Naval Intelligence headquarters. He has served as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and as Commanding Officer of the Navy Operational Intelligence Center. His first flag assignment was as Director of the Navy's Long Range Planning Group and Executive Director of the Advanced Technology Panel of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Board.

Beyond his specific assignments and achievements, I recommend Admiral Studeman because he is one of the most thoughtful and broad-gauged flag rank officers in the United

well as his reputation for wisdom and common sense, he will have great influence as the nation addresses the broad range of issues and challenges in the foreign policy and national security arena. His leadership qualities and his quiet, but provocative and independent view of developments around the world already have earned him the respect of key figures in both the Executive Branch and the Congress. His reputation for integrity and objectivity is well established.

In sum, Admiral Bill Studeman would make a significant contribution to the Council on Foreign Relations and it, in turn, could only enhance his effectiveness and contribution in the pursuit of US national security policies.

In recognition of Admiral Studeman's contribution to more effective management of the Intelligence Community, his substantive expertise and splendid judgment, and with the certainty that he will play a significant role in US national security decision-making in the years to come, I am pleased to nominate him for membership in the Council on Foreign Relations.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Gates

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